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SUBJ: FISHERIES DISPUTE - ILA PROPOSAL TO GOBI

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BEGIN SUMMARY: TWO ILA OFFICIALS MET ON APRIL 12 WITH
MIN EXTAFF PAUL ADDERLEY AND PERMSEC ORIS RUSSELL.
ACCORDING TO ILA REPS ADDERLEY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
TO FORMATION OF A BAHAMIAN COMPANY TO PROCESS AND SHIP
ENTIRE CATCH FROM BAHAMAS BANKS, NOT JUST WITHIN 12- MILE
ZONE TO US. UNION MUST NOW SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSAL
TO MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT. A PROPOSAL FOR A LICENSING
AGREEMENT WAS FLATLY REJECTED BY ADDERLEY. ILA WAS ALSO
ADVISED TO TAKE UP MATTER OF THE FIVE BOATS STILL HELD
BY GOBI WITH MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY

1. ILA OFFICIALS, KEN FRIEDMAN AND RAPHAEL PORTUONDO,
MET APRIL 12 WITH MEA PAUL ADDERLEY AND HIS PERMSEC
ORIS RUSSELL IN ATTEMPT TO REACH LONG- RANGE SOLUTION
TO FISHING DISPUTE. INITIALLY ILA REPS PROPOSED A
LICENSING AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REJECTED. ADDERLEY COM-
MENTED THAT THE GOBI HAD TURNED DOWN OUR LICENSING

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PROPOSAL 18 MONTHS AGO AND HAS NEVER SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED ONE SINCE. HE TOLD FRIEDMAN THE GOBI WAS NOT INTERESTED IN ANY GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. GOBI ATTITUDE WAS THAT ALL OF THE CRAWFISH ON THE BANK ARE BAHAMIAN RESOURCES AND THUS NOT SUBJECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT NOR TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGNERS THROUGH LICENSING.

2. ADDERLEY ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE FRIEDMAN' S SECOND PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD ENTAIL SETTING UP A PRIVATE COMPANY IN NASSAU WHICH WOULD CLEAN, PROCESS, FREEZE AND EXPORT THE CRAWFISH TO THE US. UNDER THIS SET UP ALL OF THE CRAWFISH CAUGHT IN THE BAHAMAS BANKS, NOT JUST WITHIN THE 12- MILE ZONE, WOULD BE BROUGHT TO NASSAU. THE FISHERMEN WOULD BE GUARANTEED THE SAME PRICE FOR THE CRAWFISH AS THEY NOW RECEIVE IN FLORIDA. THEY WOULD OBSERVE THE BAHAMIAN CLOSED SEASON, WHICH THEY DO NOT NOW DO. THE UNION HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FIND THE NECESSARY BACKERS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FOR PROCESSING PLANT. THEY INTEND CONTACTING EXISTING PROCESSING PLANTS IN FLORIDA. OBVIOUSLY THIS COULD RESULT IN SOME LOSS OF JOBS IN FLORIDA PLANTS. THE GOBI WILL BE OFFERED AN AS YET UNSPECIFIED AMNT OF MONEY PER LOBSTER PASSING THROUGH THE PLANT.

3. ILA IS TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROPOSAL TO THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT. ADDERLEY HAS ASSURED THE UNION REPS THAT HE WILL RIDE HERD ON THAT MINISTRY WHICH IS NOTORIOUSLY SLOW IN PROCESSING PROJECT PROPOSALS. FRIEDMAN SAID HE WOULD GIVE THE MINISTRY ONE WEEK FROM TIME OF SUBMISSION TO TAKE ACTION, OTHERWISE THE ILA WILL THREATEN ANOTHER BOYCOTT.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF THE FIVE BOATS STILL BEING HELD BY THE GOBI, ADDERLEY REFERRED FRIEDMAN TO THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, AS FISHERIES NOW COMES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. FRIEDMAN DID NOT APPEAR INTERESTED IN PURSUING THAT MATTER AT THIS TIME.

5. FRIEDMAN AND ILA PRESIDENT GLEASON HAD MET WITH MINISTER OF TOURISM CLEMENT MAYNARD IN TORONTO A FEW WEEKS AGO. IT WAS PROBABLY MAYNARD WHO SET UP THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING WITH ADDERLEY. FYI - FRIEDMAN REPORTS THAT

DESPITE HIS CONTENTION TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOBI ATTITUDE IS THAT THE UNION IS TALKING FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

5. COMMENT: THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY POSSIBLE SNAGS TO CONSIDER THE FISHERIES DISPUTE RESOLVED THOUGH ADDERLEY MAY FAVOR THIS SCHEME, THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT HE HAS CABINET BACKING. FURTHER ILA IMPATIENCE FOR QUICK RESULTS AND POSSIBLE USE OF BOYCOTT THREATS COULD QUEER THE DEAL.
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